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LETTER DATED 9 JULY 1993 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit to you the text (in English and Russian) of a statement by the Heads of State or Government of Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan, which participated in the Second Summit Meeting of the Economic Cooperation Organization, which was held in Istanbul, on 6-7 July 1993.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: English/Russian]

STATEMENT BY THE HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT PARTICIPATING IN THE SECOND ECO SUMMIT MEETING (ISTANBUL 6-7 JULY 1993)

During the Summit in Istanbul, participating States condemned the continuation of the Armenian aggression against Azerbaijani territories and the escalation and widening of hostilities towards Agdam, Fizuli, Jabrail, Kubatli and Agdere.

Aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan is in contravention with the principles and purposes of the United Nations Charter, international law, Human Rights Convention and the CSCE Documents.

This most recent attack is taking place at a time when all concerned have approved a timetable within the Minsk peace process encompassing urgent steps for the implementation of United Nations Security Council resolution 822. It is now an established pattern for the Armenians to resume and escalate hostilities each time when a positive step is taken within the peace process, thus creating serious doubts about their desire to reach a negotiated solution.

Reaffirming the principle of inadmissibility of acquisition of territory by force and non-use of force for gaining political advantages, the participating States call upon the international community to use its influence with Armenia to put an end to this aggression.

Member States participating in the Second ECO Summit held in Istanbul demand an immediate cessation of all hostilities and withdrawal of Armenian armed formations from all the occupied Azerbaijani territories and adherence to the timetable of urgent steps for the implementation of the United Nations Security Council resolution 822.

The participating States call upon Armenia to change its aggressive attitude and adopt a peaceful policy conducive to the establishment of stability and peace in the region.